

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 15 as follows:

Fig. 2 shows an embodiment wherein the rare earth magnet 12 is manufactured to form the bottom 18 of cylindrical body 14 of oil filter 10. The rare earth magnet 12 is manufactured as part of the cylindrical body 14 by molding the rare earth magnet 12 and cylindrical body 14 together. Fig. 3 shows an alternate embodiment of the present invention. In Fig. 3 a rare earth magnet ~~if-is~~ formed as a hollow cylindrical ring 24 and is placed around the rim 17 at the top 16 of the oil filter 10.